use of Hindi in the non-Hindi States and Central Offices Organisations;

(d) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to demand recognition of Hindi as official language of the United Nations; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). Hindi has been accorded the status of Official Language of the Union in the Constitution of India. As per provisions made in the Constitution, regarding Language, Official Language Act 1963, Official Language Rules 1976, and orders issued there-under from time to time, the propogation of Official Language, Hindi in all Central Government offices etc., is being made with the policy of inspiration, incentives and goodwill. For promoting the use of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States, the Central Government is implementing two schemes for providing financial assistance to the State Governments for appointment of Hindi Teachers and opening and strengthening colleges for imparting training to Hindi Teachers and to voluntary Hindi institutions for propagation of Hindi.

(c) and (d). The Government has been making efforts for several years for the adoption of Hindi as an Official U.N. language. Adoption of any new Language as UN Language requires majority support of member states. Efforts made in this regard so far have not been encouraging.

[Translation]

Prices of Foodgrains

1631. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the agricultural production and its sale price has increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the percentage increase in agricultural production cost, its production and sale price during the said period, grain-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the increase?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Production of foodgrains during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 crop years is as under :

(in million tonnes)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
184.26	191.10	185 (P)

(P) = Provisional.

The prices of foodgrains in the open market depend on demand and supply situation at various points of time. Minimum Support Prices are fixed by Ministry of Agriculture before every crop season and have increased during last three years.

(b) Statement-I showing the latest available figures of increase in cost of production of foodgrains is enclosed.

Statement-II showing the increase in Minimum Support Prices of paddy, wheat and coarsegrains and the increase in the Central Issue Prices of rice, wheat and coarsegrains is enclosed.

(c) General increase in the cost of various agricultural inputs results in higher cost of production of foodgrains. The Commission on Agricultural Cost and Prices recommends the Minimum Support Prices after taking into account the increase in cost of production. The increase in Minimum Support Prices necessitates revision of Central Issue Price of foodgrains.

STATEMENT-I

Cost of Production in 1992-93 over 1991-91 for Cereals in Important States

(Rs. per Quintal)

State/Crop.	Cost of Production			% variation in 1992-93 over 1990-91
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	
1	2	3	4	5
Paddy				
Haryana	212.89	241.09	300.49	(+) 41.15
M.P.	230.54	328.93	295.41	(+) 28.14
Punjab	194.69	206.77	224.38	(+) 15.25
Orissa	173.57	186.46	213.06	(+) 22.75

1	2	3	4	5
Wheat				
Haryana	155.44	168.41	217.52	(+) 39.94
M.P.	255.86	317.17	343.69	(+) 34.33
Punjab	190.79	210.41	250.72	(+) 31.41
Jowar				
M.P.		341.25	285.33	(-) 16.39*
Bajra				
Haryana	228.26	313.51	263.77	(+) 15.56
Maize				
M.P.	206.83	308.43	253.24	(+) 22.44
U.P.	267.43	353.72	351.01	(+) 31.26

* Over 1991-92

STATEMENT-II

Statement showing the increases in the Minimum Support Prices of paddy, wheat and coarsegrains and the increase in the Central Issue Prices of Rice, Wheat and Coarsegrains

(Rupees per Qtl)

Year	Paddy			Wheat	Coarsegrains		
	Common	Fine	Superfine		Jowar, Bajra and Ragi	Maize	Barley
			Increase in Minimum Support prices				
1994-95	340	360	380	350	280	290	275
1995-96	360	375	395	360	300	310	285
1996-97	380 (11.8)	395 (9.7)	415 (9.2)	380 (8.6)	310 (10.7)	320 (10.3)	295 (7.3)
			Increase in Central issue Prices				
1994-95 (w.e.f. 1.2.94)	537	617	648	402	199	199	199

Note : Figures in bracket show and increase since 1994-95

[English]

Protest Rally for Self Determination

1632. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent protest rally by the people of Manipur organised by the All Manipur Students Union against the State's 1949 merger with the Indian demanding self-determination; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government view with concern the attempts by misguided elements to reopen the question of merger of Manipur with the Indian Union which is a settled matter.

Show Cause Notices to Defaulting Units

1633. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has